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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 4625

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SUBJECT: POL STOCKS

1. POL STOCKS HELD BY ALL COMPANIES IN PHNOM PENH AS OF
110945 MAY 1973. QUANTITIES IN CUBIC METERS.

ITEM	QUANTITY	NO OF DAYS SUPPLY
MOGAS	293	1.7
KEROSENE	45	0.5
AUTO DIESEL OIL	1,575	10.5
INDUSTRIAL DIESEL	288	2.3
JP-1	508	50.8
JP-4	125	6.3
AVGAS 100/ 130	450	18.0
AVGAS 115/145	681	19.5
FUEL OIL	718	5.7

2. STOCKS AT PHNOM PENH POWER PLANTS:

VILLAGE CATHOLIQUE (DIESEL)	488	6.1
CHAK ANGRE (FUEL)	1,101	10.0

3. SEVEN TANKERS (BOO HEUNG 7, VIRA I, YU CHANG, HAN SEUNG,
VIRA II, KHMER TRADER AND MEKONG TRADER) WERE EXPECTED TO JOIN
THE CONVOY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 16 AND LATER POSTPONED TO MAY 17.
HOWEVER, OF THE SEVEN, BOO HEUNG 7 IS STILL WITHOUT CREW AND
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EVEN THOUGH THE TANKER OWNER PROMISED TO GET A NEW CREW BY MAY 16, IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT HIS EFFORTS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. VIRA I IS STILL IN PHNOM PENH UNDERGOING TEMPORARY REPAIRS SO SHE CAN RETURN AND UNDERGO FINAL REPAIRS IN VIETNAM WHICH WILL TAKE ABOUT TEN DAYS. YU CHANG IS BEING REPAIRED IN VIETNAM AND EVEN IF THE REPAIRS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTURE OF THE NEXT CONVOY, AT PRESENT SHE HAS NO CREW. THEREFORE, ONLY FOUR TANKERS' ARRIVAL CAN BE EXPECTED WITH ANY DEGREE OF CERTAINTY. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS:

MOGAS	1,600
AUTO DIESEL OIL	1,300
INDUSTRIAL DIESEL	400
FUEL OIL	1,000
KEROSENE	800

EFFORTS ARE PRESENTLY BEING MADE TO LOAD JP-4 ON VIRA II WHICH ORIGINALLY HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE BROUGHT ON VIRA I. IT WILL PROBABLY REPLACE THE 300 CM OF MOGAS VIRA II WAS TO BRING. CONSEQUENTLY THE ABOVE FIGURE FOR MOGAS MIGHT BE ONLY 1,300.

4. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE OFFERED ON PARA 1. ABOVE. SALES OF MOGAS AT THE LOCAL SERVICE STATIONS HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED SINCE MAY 9 TH. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WHATEVER MOGAS IS AVAILABLE HAS BEEN RATIONED OUT TO EMBASSIES, GKR' S OWN ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES. FURTHERMORE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT FANK HAS SUFFICIENT STOCKS ON HAND ALREADY, IN FACT, OF BOTH MOGAS AND AUTO DIESEL (8-16 DAYS OF SUPPLY OF EACH HVODUCT DEPENDING HOW EFFECTIVE RATIONING FANK EXERCISES). AUTO DIESEL FOR CIVILIAN USE IS RATIONED AT 400 RIELS WORTH PER VEHICLE AND IS SOLD THREE TIMES PER WEEK ONLY. OF THE PRODUCTS WHICH ARRIVED ON THE LAST CONVOY, 779 CM OF AUTO DIESEL WERE RESERVED FOR EDCI AND 1,276 CM OF FUEL OIL FOR EDCII. THERE ARE SUFFICIENT STOCKS OF ALL AVGAS BOTH FOR MILITARY AND CIVILIAN USE IN THE COUNTRY. EVEN THE STOCKS OF JP-4 SHOULD LAST UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEXT CONVOY IF IT WILL ARRIVE AS SCHEDULED ON MAY 17.

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